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Citizens Urged to Prepare for Extreme River Flooding in Areas of Craven County

NEW BERN, N.C. – Extreme river flooding is expected in the Neuse River basin in Craven County over the next several days as a result of rainfall generated by Hurricane Florence and citizens in areas at high risk for flood potential who have not already evacuated are asked to evacuate now. Rivers are expected to rise quickly in the next week and are expected to crest on Thursday, September 20, 2018.

Areas at high risk for flood potential are certain portions of Vanceboro, Cove City, areas north of Weyerhaeuser and River Road, Neuse River Basin, Swift Creek Basin, Core Creek area.

Craven County is under a Mandatory Evacuation Notice for all of Craven County but evacuation for residents in the areas at high risk. Residents are asked to heed all warnings given by officials as this is a very serious and severe situation with extreme impacts predicted for Craven County. Individuals in areas at risk of flooding should monitor conditions closely starting now. Past flood events have shown areas not directly impacted by flood waters may be isolated and travel may be restricted.

For more information on emergency shelters call Craven County Emergency Management at 252-636-6608. Craven County Government Emergency Management updates will appear on the Craven County website at www.cravencountync.gov, on the Craven County Facebook page [@cravencounty](https://www.facebook.com/cravencounty) and the Craven County Emergency Management Twitter account [@cravencountync](https://twitter.com/cravencountync). Visit the Craven County website to register to receive emergency notifications via text, email and phone calls through the CodeRed Emergency Notification System.

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